

NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION



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2000 ed.; NFPA 88A, 2002 ed.

Section(s): LSC, 6.1.14.2; 88A, 1.1

Comments:

Can be applied to the parking or storage of any number of vehicles.

Question: Are the requirements of NFPA 88A applicable to all structures where a vehicle is parked or stored?

Response: No.

Where vehicle parking or storage is considered incidental to the predominate occupancy of a building, the provisions of the code applying to the predominate occupancy shall be met. Where vehicle parking or storage is not the main use for the building the requirements of NFPA 88A are not applicable.

Example 1: Vehicles are parked in a building used as a maintenance shop. The building must meet the requirements as an Industrial occupancy as defined in the Life Safety Code and the requirements of NFPA 88A as a parking structure will not apply. This is an example where vehicle parking is not the predominate use and is considered incidental.

Example 2: A multi-level parking garage is under or attached to a business occupancy. The requirements of NFPA 88A are applicable to the parking garage and the Life Safety Code requirements for a business occupancy apply to the rest of the building. This is an example where vehicle parking is more than just an incidental use.

Signature:

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